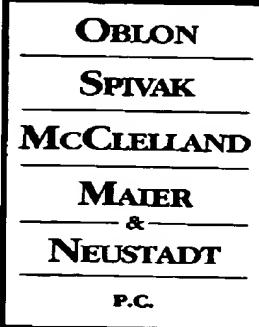


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September 6, 2006



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Re: American Express Statement
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Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed is a copy of a portion of our American Express Account Statement through 04-08-06. Please review the highlighted charge on **Serial Number 09/773,918 in the amount of \$4,700 from 4/5/06.**

This Charge appears to be in error. As you can see from the copy of the enclosed fee transmittal form we should only be charged \$1,700 for the payment of Issue and Publication Fee.

Please review this file and kindly refund \$3,000 to our American Express Account. Copies of the appropriate paperwork are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Lohr at (703) 412-6472. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Pavlina Ryan
Accounting Department

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Enclosures

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/773,918	02/02/2001	Yasuo Nomura	202690US6	8115

TITLE OF INVENTION: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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VENT, JAMIE J	2616	386-120000

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